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In re application of: DATE: September 10, 2002 DOCKET NO.: PT03398U APPLICANT: Barros Mark A. et al. ART UNIT: 2171 SERIAL NO.: 09/769,939 **EXAMINER:** 1/26/2001 FILING DATE:: COMMUNICATION DEVICE, SYSTEM, METHOD AND COMPUTER PROGRAM ENTITLED: PRODUCT FOR SORTING DATA BASED ON PROXIMITY RECEIVED 5 INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS) Assistant Commissioner for Patents Technology Center 2100 Washington, D.C. 20231 10 Sir: In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the references listed on attached Form PTO/SB/08 and/or subsequently identified herein, are being submitted herewith for consideration by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. 15 I. **COPIES** a. 🔯 A legible copy of (i) each U.S. and foreign patents; (ii) each publication or that portion which caused it to be listed; and (iii) all other information or that portion which caused it to be listed, is included herewith. 20 b.□ Any patents, publications or other information which are listed on Form PTO/SB/08 which are not enclosed herewith were previously cited by or submitted to the PTO in one of the following applications which has been relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120: 25 U.S. Serial Number U.S. Filing Date II. CONCISE EXPLANATION OF THE RELEVANCE (check at least one box) Except as may be indicated below in (b) of this section, all of the patents, 30 publications or other information are in the English language (concise explanation not required). A concise explanation of the relevance of all patents, publications or other information listed that is not in the English language is as follows: 35 The following additional information is provided for the Examiner's consideration: c. 🗀 III. CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION(S) 40 The Examiner is advised that the following co-pending application(s) contain(s) subject matter that may be related to the present application. By bringing this (these) applications to the Examiner's attention, Applicant(s) does(do) not waive the confidentiality provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 122. U.S. Serial No. U.S. Filing Date Art Unit

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